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1. MODERATE RIGHT CENTRO DEMOCRATICO SOCIAL (CDS) PUBLISHED ITS ELECTORAL PROGRAM APRIL 7. IN CONTRAST WITH PROGRAMS OF MDP/CDE, PS, AND PCP (REFTELS) PROGRAM IS NOTABLE FOR ABSENCE OF IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC OR REFERENCES TO SOCIAL/POLITICAL TENSIONS IN PORTUGUESE SOCIETY. CONTRAST WITH OTHER MAJOR PARTY PROGRAMS IS ALL THE MORE MARKED IN VIEW OF CEASELESS
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HOSTILE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AGAINST CDS IN NEWS

MEDIA AND PHYSICAL ATTACKS TO WHICH ITS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
SUBJECTED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. SOLE REFERENCE TO THESE
DIFFICULTIES IS IN PROGRAM PREAMBLE, WHICH MENTIONS VIOLENT
INTERRUPTION OF PARTY CONGRESS.

2. PROGRAM CONSISTS OF SHORT FOREIGN POLICY SECTION, BRIEF
DISCUSSION OF PARTY'S CHRISTIAN-HUMANIST OUTLOOK AND EXTENSIVE
ENUMERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR REFORMING PORTUGUESE SOCIETY.
THE PROGRAM NEVER ONE MENTIONS THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM).

3. FOREIGN POLICY:
CDS BELIEVES IN "WESTERN HUMANIST AND CHRISTIAN VALUES,"
UNDERLINING PORTUGAL'S ROLE WITHIN EUROPEAN CONTEXT. CDS
ALSO ADVOCATES PURSUING POLICY OF "LATINITY," INVOLVING CLOSE
COOPERATION WITH OTHER PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, PROGRESS-
ING EVENTUALLY TO A COMMUNITY INCLUDING ALL LATIN COUNTRIES.
PARTY IS ONLY ONE TO REFER IN ITS PROGRAM TO INTEREST IN GOOD
RELATIONS WITH US. CDS SUPPORTS CONTINUED PORTUGUESE TIES
WITH NATO.

4. CHRISTIAN-HUMANIST OUTLOOK:
"HUMAN CREATIVITY" CONSTITUTES "TRUE MOTOR FOR CULTURE AND
PROGRESS." (COMMENT: IN CONTEMPORARY PORTUGUESE POLITICAL
USAGE THE TERM "MOTOR" HAS BEEN APPLIED REPEATEDLY TO DESCRIBE
AFM'S ROLE IN DYNAMIZING AND REFORMING SOCIETY.) CDS THEREFORE
STANDS FOR STIMULATING AND PROTECTING HUMAN CREATIVITY AT ALL
LEVELS AND IN ALL DOMAINS. CDS BELIEVES IN FORMATIVE VALUES
OF THE FAMILY; ADVOCATES ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM FAMILY INCOME,
MATERNAL HEALTH CARE, SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES LACKING
ONE OR BOTH PARENTS, ELIMINATION OF LEGAL STATUTE ON ILLEGI-
TIMATE CHILDREN, SPECIAL MEASURES TO AID YOUNG COUPLES, DECENT
HOUSING FOR ALL, ETC.

5. BASIC ECONOMIC APPROACH:
"A TRUE ANTI-MONOPOLIST POLICY," INVOLVING NOT JUST A GOVERN-
MENTAL APPROACH BUT PUBLIC ONE AS WELL--CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS,
ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDIUM AND SMALL PRODUCERS, AND LABOR UNIONS.
PROGRAM EXPRESSLY AFFIRMS BELIEF IN IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE
INITIATIVE, EXPRESSLY CONDEMS SUBSTITUTION OF EXISTING
MONOPOLIES BY SINGLE MONOPOLY IN CONTROL OF OMNIPRESENT HANDS
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6. ECONOMIC/SOCIAL REFORMS:
ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE; CREATION OF
INTEGRATED SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM ENCOMPASSING NOT JUST WORKERS
BUT ARTISANS, SMALL FARMERS AND MERCHANTS, FISHERMEN, THE SELF-
EMPLOYED, AND THE AGED; STIMULATION OF PRIVATE MEASURES OF
INSURANCE. PROGRAM ADVOCATES ESTABLISHMENT OF "NEW SOCIAL

CONTRACT" TO COMBAT TENDENCIES TO ISOLATE SOCIAL GROUPS, UPDATE MINIMUM SALARIES AND GUARANTEE PURCHASING POWER, GIVE CREDIT TO AND STRENGTHEN ROLE OF "INTERMEDIATE STRATA" IN SOCIETY, EFFECTIVELY SPREAD PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY, AND TURN PUBLIC SECTOR INTO OVERALL DYNAMIZING AND DIRECTION FORCE FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY. PROGRAM ALSO SPEAKS OF PROMOTING TECHNOLOGICAL MODERNIZATION, DEFENDING DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN VALUE OF CURRENCY, ESTABLISHING LIMITS FOR INVESTORS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL, PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSMEN, ESTABLISHING RURAL CREDIT, CREATING RURAL COOPERATIVES, ENLARGING FORESTED AREAS, PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT, EXPLOITING LEISURE TIME, ETC. IN ALL THESE AREAS, PRIVATE INITIATIVE HAS MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY.

7. YOUTH AND EDUCATION POLICY:

REDUCTION OF TERM OF OBLIGATORY MILITARY SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM OF CIVIC SERVICE. (COMMENT: RECENTLY ESTABLISHED PROGRAM OF "CIVIC SERVICE" HAS BEEN ROUNDLY CONDEMNED BY FAR LEFT, JOINED IN BY YOUNG SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH. COMMUNISTS HAVE STAUNCHLY DEFENDED IT. CDS' ADVOCACY OF CIVIC SERVICE IS THEREFORE A MEASURE OF SERIOUSNESS IN WHICH WHOLE PROGRAM IS PUT FORWARD, REGARDLESS OF FACT THAT PARTICULAR POSITIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO ATTRACT LARGE NUMBERS OF VOTERS.) PROGRAM ALSO CALLS FOR ORGANIZED LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, GUARANTEEING JOBS FOR YOUTHS ENTERING LABOR MARKET, ESTABLISHING KINDERGARTENS, ESTABLISHING MANDATORY AND FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR FIRST EIGHT YEARS (PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDING THIS PERIOD), BUILDING NEW UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND ASSOCIATING HIGHER LEARNING WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

8. REGIONAL POLICY:

TO PROMOTE ADMINISTRATIVE, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC DECENTRALIZATION; TO REGULATE OR ELIMINATE MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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